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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUESTS FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME AND WITHDRAWAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, setting a one-month term for reply. Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group II, including newly added claim 47, and the species corresponding to SEQ ID NO:3. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), a five-month extension of the term for reply, *i.e.*, to up to and including October 18, 2006, is requested. Enclosed is a check for \$1080.00 in payment of the fee therefore by a small entity. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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